TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



SB 255

February 16, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any special nuclear material, source material, or by-product material from being disposed of in any landfill. Prohibits any landfill from accepting, processing, storing, or disposing of special nuclear material, source material, or by-product material. Authorizes the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to require monitoring at a landfill only if the costs associated with monitoring are covered by fees levied on certain licensees.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue - \$563,600/Environmental Protection Fund

Assumptions:

- According to TDEC, there will be a decrease in recurring state revenue in the Environmental Protection Fund (EFP) resulting from a loss of license and fee revenue.
- Based on information provided by TDEC, it is estimated that three of the four processors licensed by the Division of Radiological Health will no longer require licensing. As a result, the recurring decrease in radioactive material license fee revenue is estimated to be \$150.000.
- Based on information provided by TDEC, the recurring decrease in state revenue derived from the 1.5 cents per pound fee (which increases to two cents per pound effective March 2011) on waste brought into facilities that process, store, dispose, or refurbish radioactive waste is estimated to be \$319,400.
- According to TDEC, 157 shipping licenses issued at a cost of \$600 each will not qualify for exemption under this bill, resulting in a decrease in recurring state revenue of \$94,200 (157 x \$600).
- The total recurring decrease in state revenue to the EFP is estimated to be \$563,600 (\$150,000 + \$319,400 + \$94,200).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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